

# When Loss Is Really Gain

"What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger", Part 5 of 7  
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*"Whatever things were gain to me,  
those things I have counted as loss."*  
(Philippians 3:7, NASB)

## I) THE PARADOX: WHEN LOSS IS REALLY GAIN

### How God Can Turn "Losses" Into "Gains"

#### 1) The loss of your \_\_\_\_ PERSONAL COMFORT ZONE \_\_\_\_.

*"I have plenty to boast about... but I won't do it. I don't want anyone to think more highly of me than what they can actually see in my life and my message, even though I have received wonderful revelations from God. But to keep me from getting puffed up, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from getting proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away."*  
(2 Corinthians 12:6-8, NLT)

#### \*The gain of God's \_\_\_\_ POWER IN YOUR WEAKNESS \_\_\_\_.

*"Each time He said, 'My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me. Since I know it is all for Christ's good, I am quite content with my weak-nesses and with insults, hardships, persecution, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."*  
(2 Corinthians 12:9-10, NLT)

#### 2) The loss of your \_\_\_\_ PERCEIVED SELF-CONFIDENCE \_\_\_\_.

*"Whatever happens, dear brothers and sisters, may the Lord give you joy... I could have confidence in myself if anyone could.... For I was circumcised when I was eight days old, having been born into a pure-blooded Jewish family... What's more, I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. And zealous? Yes, in fact, I harshly persecuted the church."*  
(Philippians 3:1, 4-6a, NLT)

#### \*The gain of God's \_\_\_\_ INTIMACY IN YOUR LIFE \_\_\_\_.

*"But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ."*  
(Philippians 3:7-8, NIV)

#### 3) The loss of your \_\_\_\_ PERPETUAL CONTROL OF LIFE \_\_\_\_.

*"Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly."*  
(Philippians 1:12-14, NIV)

#### \*The gain of God's \_\_\_\_ JOY IN YOUR CHALLENGES \_\_\_\_.

*"And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."*  
(Philippians 1:18b-21, NIV)

## II) THE PRINCIPLE: FINDING GAIN IN YOUR LOSS

**\*The way to find gain in your loss is to  
look for God's \_\_\_\_ INVISIBLE HAND AT WORK IN IT \_\_\_\_.**

*"However, as it is written: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him'— but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit."*  
(1 Corinthians 2:9-10a, NIV)